

REMARKS

This Reply is in response to the Office Action mailed on October 31, 2007 in which a restriction requirement was imposed upon claims 1, 2, 4-12, 24, 25 and 14-23. With this response, an election of one of the identified "inventions" (claims 14-23) is made with the claims directed to the non-elected invention (claims 1, 2, 4-12, 24 and 25) being canceled. In addition, claims 26-36 are added. Claims 14-23 and 26-36 are presented for reconsideration and allowance.

I. Restriction Requirement

The Office Action asserted that the claims are directed to multiple distinct inventions:

Invention I –Claims 1, 2, 4-12, 24 and 25; and

Invention II –Claims 14-23.

II. Election

Applicants hereby elect Invention II: claims 14-23 for examination. Applicants respectfully preserve the opportunity to file one or more divisional applications for the non-elected Invention I including claims 1, 2, 4-12, 24 and 25.

III. Preliminary Amendment

Prior to further examination, please cancel non-elected claims 1, 2, 4-12, 24 and 25. Applicants preserve the opportunity file one or more divisional applications for these non-elected and now canceled claims.

Applicants further note that claim 22 is amended to correct a typographical error.

IV. Added Claims

With this response, claims 26-36 are added. Claim 26-36 find support in at least former originally filed claims 14 -20 and at least Page 10, line 6- Page 11, line 6. Thus, no new matter is

added. Claims 26-36 recite features which patentably distinguish such claims over the prior art of record. Claims 26-36 are presented for consideration and allowance.

V. Conclusion

After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 14-23 and 26-36 are now pending in this application.

Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 08-2025. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 08-2025. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicants hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 08-2025.

Respectfully submitted,

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